

## The Multiplicative Zagreb Indices of Products of Graphs

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### Abstract

In this paper, we determine the exact formulae for the multiplicative Zagreb indices of strong and tensor products of two connected graphs. Also we apply our results to compute the multiplicative Zagreb indices of open and closed fence graphs.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, we consider simple graphs which are finite, undirected graphs without loops and multiple edges. Suppose  $G$  is a graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and an edge set  $E(G)$ . For a graph  $G$ , the degree of a vertex  $v$  is the number of edges incident to  $v$  and is denoted by  $d_G(v)$ . A topological index  $Top(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is a number with the property that for every graph  $H$  is isomorphic to  $G$ ,  $Top(H) = Top(G)$ .

The Zagreb indices have been introduced more than thirty years ago by Gutman and Fritzsche [2]. They are defined as  $M_1(G) = \sum_{u \in V(G)} (d_G(u))^2 = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_G(u) + d_G(v)]$  and  $M_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_G(u)d_G(v)]$ .

The Zagreb indices are found to have applications in QSPR and QSAR studies as well see [3]. Recently, Todeschini et al. [4, 5] have proposed the multiplicative variants of ordinary Zagreb indices, which are defined as follows:

$$\Pi_1 = \Pi_1(G) = \prod_{u \in V(G)} [d_G(u)]^2 = \prod_{uv \in E(G)} [d_G(u) + d_G(v)]$$

$$\text{and } \Pi_2 = \Pi_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_G(u)d_G(v)]$$

Mathematical properties and applications of multiplicative Zagreb indices are reported in [4-9]. Mathematical properties and applications of multiplicative sum Zagreb indices are reported in [10]. In [11], K.Pattabiraman computed Zagreb indices and coindices of product graphs.

The Strong product of graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1 \otimes G_2$ , is the graph with vertex set  $V(G_1) \times V(G_2) = \{(u, v) : u \in V(G_1), v \in V(G_2)\}$  and  $(u, x)(v, y)$  is an edge whenever (i)  $u = v$  and  $xy \in E(G_2)$  or (ii)  $uv \in E(G_1)$  and  $x = y$  or (iii)  $uv \in E(G_1)$  and  $xy \in E(G_2)$ . For two simple graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  their tensor product, denoted by  $G_1 \times G_2$ , has the vertex set  $V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$ , in which  $(u, v)$  and  $(x, y)$  are adjacent whenever  $ux$  is an edge in  $G_1$  and  $vy$  is an edge in  $G_2$ . Note that if  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are connected graphs, then  $G_1 \times G_2$  is connected only if atleast one of the graph is nonbipartite.

In this paper, we compute the multiplicative Zagreb indices of strong and tensor products of two connected graphs. Moreover, computations are done for some well known graphs.

## 2. The Multiplicative Zagreb Indices of $G_1 \otimes G_2$

We begin this section with standard inequality as follows:

**Lemma – 2.1** (Arithmetic Geometric Inequality)

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be non-negative numbers. Then  $\frac{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n}{n} \geq \sqrt[n]{x_1x_2 \dots x_n}$  holds with equality if and only if all  $x_k$ 's are equal.

In this section, we compute the multiplicative Zagreb indices of the strong product of graphs. The following lemma follows from the definition of the strong product of the two graphs.

**Lemma – 2.2**

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs.

- (i).  $|V(G_1 \otimes G_2)| = |V(G_1)||V(G_2)|$
- (ii).  $|E(G_1 \otimes G_2)| = |V(G_1)||E(G_2)| + |V(G_2)||E(G_1)| + 2|E(G_1)||E(G_2)|$
- (iii).  $d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, u_j) = d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_1}(u_i)d_{G_2}(v_j)$ .

**Theorem – 2.3**

Suppose  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are graphs with  $|V(G_1)| = n_1, |V(G_2)| = n_2, |E(G_1)| = m_1$  and  $|E(G_2)| = m_2$ .

Then

$$\prod_1(G_1 \otimes G_2) \leq \left[ \frac{(n_1+4m_2)M_1(G_1)+(n_2+4m_1)M_1(G_2)+M_1(G_1)M_1(G_2)+8m_1m_2}{n_1n_2} \right]^{n_1n_2}$$

where  $M_1(G_1)$  is the first Zagreb index of  $G$ .

Proof:

By the definition of the multiplicative first Zagreb index,

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_1(G_1 \otimes G_2) &= \prod_{(u_i, v_j) \in V(G_1 \otimes G_2)} [d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_j)]^2 \\ &= \prod_{u_i \in V(G_1)} \prod_{v_j \in V(G_2)} [d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_1}(u_i)d_{G_2}(v_j)]^2 \text{ by lemma 2.2} \\ &\leq \left[ \frac{\sum_{u_i \in V(G_1)} \sum_{v_j \in V(G_2)} \left[ \frac{d_{G_1}^2(u_i) + d_{G_2}^2(v_j) + d_{G_1}^2(u_i)d_{G_2}^2(v_j) + 2d_{G_1}(u_i)d_{G_2}(v_j)}{n_1n_2} \right]}{n_1n_2} \right]^{n_1n_2} \text{ by lemma 2.1} \\ \prod_1(G_1 \otimes G_2) &\leq \left[ \frac{(n_1+4m_2)M_1(G_1)+(n_2+4m_1)M_1(G_2)+M_1(G_1)M_1(G_2)+8m_1m_2}{n_1n_2} \right]^{n_1n_2} \end{aligned}$$

by the definition of the first Zagreb index of  $G$ .

In  $G_1 \otimes G_2$ , define

$$E_1 = \{(u, v)(x, y) \in E(G_1 \otimes G_2) | ux \in E(G_1) \text{ and } v = y\},$$

$$E_2 = \{(u, v)(x, y) \in E(G_1 \otimes G_2) | ux \in E(G_1) \text{ and } vy \in E(G_2)\},$$

$$E_3 = \{(u, v)(x, y) \in E(G_1 \otimes G_2) | u = x \text{ and } vy \in E(G_2)\}.$$

Clearly,  $E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 = E(G_1 \otimes G_2)$ .

Also  $|E_1| = |E(G_1)||V(G_2)|, |E_2| = 2|E(G_1)||E(G_2)|$  and  $|E_3| = |E(G_2)||V(G_1)|$ .

**Theorem 2.4**

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs with  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  vertices,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  edges respectively.

Then

$$\prod_2(G_1 \otimes G_2) \leq \frac{1}{(m_1n_2)^{m_1n_2}} [n_2M_2(G_1) + 2m_2M_1(G_1) + m_1M_1(G_2) + 4m_2M_2(G_1) + M_1(G_1)M_1(G_2) + M_2(G_1)M_1(G_2)]^{m_1n_2} X$$

$$\frac{2}{(m_1 m_2)^{m_1 m_2}} [m_2 M_2(G_1) + m_1 M_2(G_2) + M_2(G_1) M_2(G_2) + M_2(G_1) M_1(G_2) + M_1(G_1) M_2(G_2) + 8m_1 m_2]^{m_1 m_2} X$$

$$\frac{1}{(m_2 n_1)^{m_2 n_1}} [m_2 M_1(G_1) + 2m_1 M_1(G_2) + n_1 M_2(G_2) + 4m_1 M_2(G_2) + M_1(G_1) M_1(G_2) + M_1(G_1) M_2(G_2)]^{m_2 n_1}$$

where  $M_1(G)$  and  $M_2(G)$  are the first and second Zagreb indices respectively.

Proof:

From the above partition of the edge set in  $G_1 \otimes G_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_2 G_1 \otimes G_2 &= \prod_{(u_i, v_j)(u_p, v_q) \in E(G_1 \otimes G_2)} d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_p, v_q) \\ &= \prod_{(u_i, v_j)(u_p, v_q) \in E_1} d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_p, v_q) X \\ &\quad \prod_{(u_i, v_j)(u_p, v_q) \in E_2} d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_p, v_q) X \\ &\quad \prod_{(u_i, v_j)(u_p, v_q) \in E_3} d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_p, v_q) \\ &= A X B X C \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $A, B$  and  $C$  are the products of the terms of the above expressions, in order.

Now we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \prod_{(u_i, v_j)(u_p, v_q) \in E_1} d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_p, v_q) \\ &= \prod_{u_i u_p \in E(G_1)} \prod_{v_j \in V(G_2)} [d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_j)] \\ &\quad [d_{G_1}(u_p) + d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_1}(u_p) d_{G_2}(v_j)] \\ &\leq \left[ \frac{\prod_{u_i u_p \in E(G_1)} [n_2 d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_1}(u_p) + 2m_2 [d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_1}(u_p)] + M_1(G_2) + 4m_2 d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_1}(u_p) + M_1(G_2) [d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_1}(u_p)] + M_1(G_2) d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_1}(u_p)]}{n_2} \right]^{n_2} \end{aligned}$$

by the definition of the first Zagreb index.

$$A \leq \frac{1}{(m_1 n_2)^{m_1 n_2}} [n_2 M_2(G_1) + 2m_2 M_1(G_1) + m_1 M_1(G_2) + 4m_2 M_2(G_1) + M_1(G_1) M_1(G_2) + M_2(G_1) M_1(G_2)]^{m_1 n_2} \tag{2.2}$$

by the definition of the second Zagreb index.

Next we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= \prod_{(u_i, v_j)(u_p, v_q) \in E_2} d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_p, v_q) \\
 &= 2 \prod_{u_i u_p \in E(G_1)} \prod_{v_j v_q \in E(G_2)} \frac{[d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_j)]}{[d_{G_1}(u_p) + d_{G_2}(v_q) + d_{G_1}(u_p) d_{G_2}(v_q)]} \\
 &\leq 2 \left[ \frac{\sum_{u_i u_p \in E(G_1)} \sum_{v_j v_q \in E(G_2)} \left[ \begin{aligned} &d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_1}(u_p) + d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_q) + d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_1}(u_p) d_{G_2}(v_q) + \\ &d_{G_1}(u_p) d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_2}(v_j) d_{G_2}(v_q) + d_{G_1}(u_p) d_{G_2}(v_j) d_{G_2}(v_q) \\ &+ d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_1}(u_p) d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_j) d_{G_2}(v_q) \end{aligned} \right]}{m_1 m_2} \right]^{m_1 m_2} \\
 B &\leq \frac{2}{(m_1 m_2)^{m_1 m_2}} [m_2 M_2(G_1) + m_1 M_2(G_2) + M_2(G_1) M_2(G_2) + M_2(G_1) M_1(G_2) \\
 &\quad + M_1(G_1) M_2(G_2) + 8 m_1 m_2]^{m_1 m_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

by the definitions of the first and second Zagreb indices of  $G$ .

Finally we compute,

$$\begin{aligned}
 C &= \prod_{(u_i, v_j)(u_i, v_q) \in E_3} d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_q) \\
 &= \prod_{u_i \in V(G_1)} \prod_{v_j v_q \in E(G_2)} \frac{[d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_j)]}{[d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_2}(v_q) + d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_q)]} \\
 &\leq \left[ \frac{\sum_{u_i \in V(G_1)} \sum_{v_j v_q \in E(G_2)} \left[ \begin{aligned} &d_{G_1}^2(u_i) + d_{G_1}(u_i) [d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_2}(v_q)] + d_{G_1}^2(u_i) [d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_2}(v_q)] + \\ &d_{G_2}(v_j) d_{G_2}(v_q) + d_{G_1}^2(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_j) d_{G_2}(v_q) + 2 d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_j) d_{G_2}(v_q) \end{aligned} \right]}{m_2 n_1} \right]^{m_2 n_1} \\
 C &\leq \frac{1}{(m_2 n_1)^{m_2 n_1}} [m_2 M_1(G_1) + 2 m_1 M_1(G_2) + n_1 M_2(G_2) + 4 m_1 M_2(G_2) + \\
 &\quad M_1(G_1) M_1(G_2) + M_1(G_1) M_2(G_2)]^{m_2 n_1}
 \end{aligned}$$

(2.4)

by the definitions of the first and second Zagreb indices of  $G$ .

Using (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4) in (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_2 (G_1 \otimes G_2) &\leq \frac{1}{(m_1 n_2)^{m_1 n_2}} [n_2 M_2(G_1) + 2m_2 M_1(G_1) + m_1 M_1(G_2) + 4m_2 M_2(G_1) \\ &\quad + M_1(G_1)M_1(G_2) + M_2(G_1)M_1(G_2)]^{m_1 n_2} X \\ &\quad \frac{2}{(m_1 m_2)^{m_1 m_2}} [m_2 M_2(G_1) + m_1 M_2(G_2) + M_2(G_1)M_2(G_2) \\ &\quad + M_2(G_1)M_1(G_2) + M_1(G_1)M_2(G_2) + 8m_1 m_2]^{m_1 m_2} X \\ &\quad \frac{1}{(m_2 n_1)^{m_2 n_1}} [m_2 M_1(G_1) + 2m_1 M_1(G_2) + n_1 M_2(G_2) + 4m_1 M_2(G_2) \\ &\quad + M_1(G_1)M_1(G_2) + M_1(G_1)M_2(G_2)]^{m_2 n_1} \end{aligned}$$

By direct calculations, we obtain the following expressions as lemma:

Lemma 2.4

Let  $P_n$  and  $C_n$  denote the path and cycle on  $n$  vertices, respectively.

(1). For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $M_1(P_n) = 4n - 6$  and  $M_2(P_n) = 0$

(2). For  $n \geq 3$ ,  $M_1(C_n) = 4n$ ,  $M_2(C_n) = 4n$  and  $M_2(P_n) = 4(n - 2)$

(3). For  $n \geq 3$ ,  $M_1(K_n) = n(n - 1)^2$  and  $M_2(K_n) = \frac{n(n - 1)^3}{2}$

By using Theorem – 2.3, and Lemma – 2.4, we obtain the exact multiplicative Zagreb indices of open and closed fences  $P_n \otimes K_2$  and  $C_n \otimes K_2$ , see Fig 2.1.

$$(i). \prod_1 (P_n \otimes K_2) \leq \left[ \frac{2n^2 + 17n - 24}{n} \right]^n$$

$$(ii). \prod_1 (C_n \otimes K_2) \leq \left[ \frac{2n^2 + 24n + 2}{n} \right]^{2n}$$

$$(iii). \prod_2(P_n \otimes K_2) \leq \frac{1}{(2(n-1))^{2(n-1)}} [50n - 90]^{2(n-1)} X \frac{2}{(n-1)^{(n-1)}} [29n - 47]^{(n-1)} X \frac{1}{n^n} [25n - 34]^n$$

$$(iv). \prod_2(C_n \otimes K_2) \leq \frac{1}{(2n)^{2n}} [50n]^{2n} X \frac{2}{n^n} [30n]^n X \frac{1}{n^n} [25n]^n$$

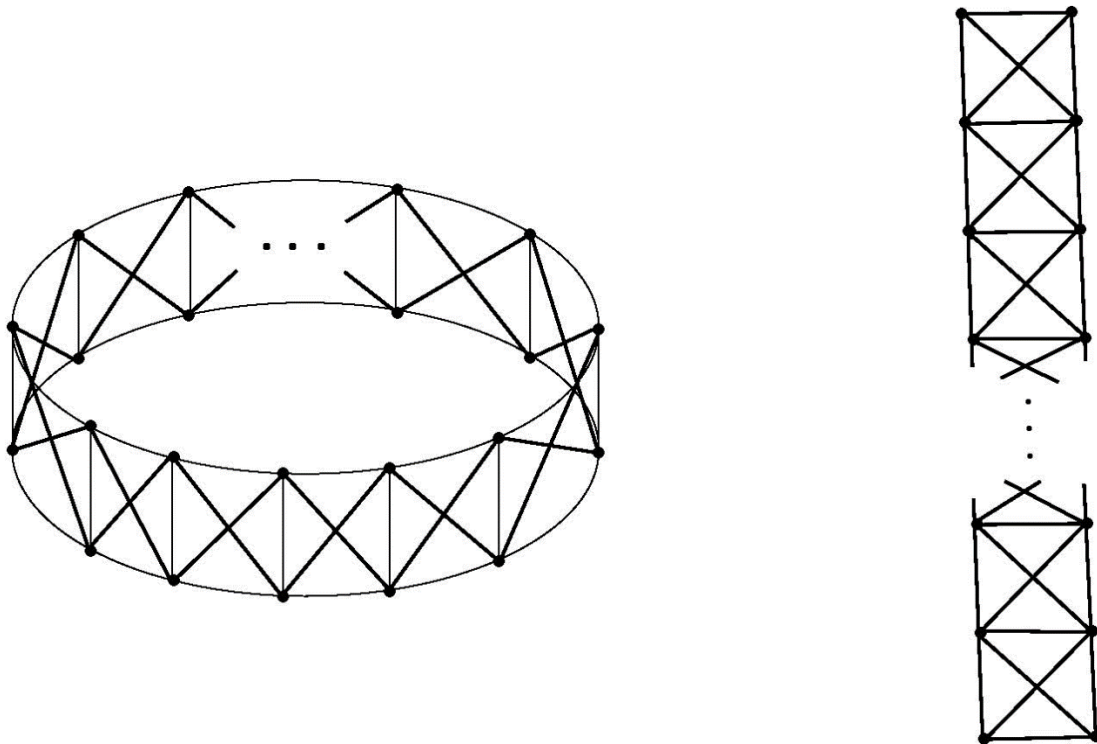


Figure 2.1. Closed and Open fence graphs

### 3. The Multiplicative Zagreb Indices of $G_1 X G_2$

In this section, we compute the multiplicative Zagreb indices of the strong product of graphs. The following lemma follows from the structure of  $G_1 X G_2$ .

Lemma – 3.1

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs. Then

(i).  $|V(G_1 X G_2)| = |V(G_1)||V(G_2)|$

(ii).  $|E(G_1 X G_2)| = 2|E(G_1)||E(G_2)|$

(iii). The degree of a vertex  $(u_i, v_j)$  of  $G_1XG_2$  is given by  $d_{G_1XG_2}(u_i, v_j) = d_{G_1}(u_i)d_{G_2}(v_j)$ .

Theorem – 3.2

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs. Then  $\prod_1(G_1XG_2) = \prod_1(G_1) \prod_1(G_2)$ , where  $\prod_1(G_1)$  and  $\prod_1(G_2)$  are the first multiplicative Zagreb index of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively.

Proof:

By the definition of the first multiplicative Zagreb index,

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_1(G_1XG_2) &= \prod_{(u_i, v_j) \in V(G_1XG_2)} [d_{(G_1XG_2)}(u_i, v_j)]^2 \\ &= \prod_{u_i \in V(G_1)} [d_{G_1}(u_i)]^2 \prod_{v_j \in V(G_2)} [d_{G_2}(v_j)]^2 \\ &= \prod_1(G_1) \prod_1(G_2) \end{aligned}$$

by the definition of the first multiplicative Zagreb index of the graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively.

Theorem – 3.3

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs. Then  $\prod_2(G_1XG_2) = 2 \prod_2(G_1) \prod_2(G_2)$ , where  $\prod_2(G_1)$  and  $\prod_2(G_2)$  are the second multiplicative Zagreb index of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively.

Proof:

By the definition of the second multiplicative Zagreb index,

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_2(G_1XG_2) &= \prod_{(u_i, v_j)(u_p, v_q) \in E(G_1XG_2)} [d_{(G_1XG_2)}(u_i, v_j)][d_{(G_1XG_2)}(u_p, v_q)] \\ &= 2 \prod_{u_i, u_p \in E(G_1)} \prod_{v_j, v_q \in E(G_2)} d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_j) d_{G_1}(u_p) d_{G_2}(v_q) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \prod_{u_i u_p \in E(G_1)} d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_1}(u_p) \prod_{v_j v_q \in E(G_2)} d_{G_2}(v_j) d_{G_2}(v_q) \\
&= 2 \prod_2(G_1) \prod_2(G_2)
\end{aligned}$$

by the definition of the second multiplicative Zagreb index of the graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively.

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